



MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

STOLEN VEHICLE SUSPECT ARRESTED

DATE(S): May 13, 2015 and June 4, 2015
LOCATION: 37000 (block) Sycamore Street, Newark
CASE #: 15-133-057
SUSPECT #1: Benjamin Daniel Mero, 33 year-old Hayward resident

On May 13, 2015, a 1987 Chevrolet Monte Carlo was reported as stolen from a residential street in Milpitas. After the automobile theft was reported to the Milpitas Police Department, the victim saw a posting on Craigslist that depicted the wheels & tires from the stolen vehicle.

With the Craigslist information the victim provided, detectives identified the person trying to sell the stolen wheels & tires as Benjamin Mero, a 33 year-old Hayward resident.

On June 4, 2015, personnel from the Milpitas Police Department, Newark Police Department, Fremont Police Department, and the Alameda County Regional Auto Theft Task Force executed a search warrant at the shop in Newark and arrested Benjamin Mero. Detectives recovered the stolen wheels & tires as well as additional parts from the stolen 1987 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Benjamin Mero was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail for automobile theft and possession of stolen property.

Anyone with any information regarding this investigation is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at: http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp

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